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SUBJECT: SUPPORTING THE DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN
PEOPLE

REF: A. STATE 51536

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(SBU) Post has undertaken the following actions in support of
the Day of Solidarity with the Cuban People set for May 21:

--Embassy Manama's public affairs section is working to place
the reftel op-ed under the signature of the Charge d'Affaires
in the local English-language press on May 21. We have
inquired with NEA/PPD about the availability of an
Arabic-language version of the op-ed so that we may pursue
placement in local Arabic papers as well.

--The Embassy plans to issue a press statement on May 21
drawing upon reftel background materials and expressing
solidarity with the Cuban people.

--We have explained the Day of Solidarity with the Cuban
People to the government and have encouraged the GOB to
undertake its own expression of solidarity on May 21 by
calling attention to the Cuban regime's poor record on human
rights.

--We have explained the Day of Solidarity with the Cuban
People to local NGOs and have encouraged them to speak out on
May 21 in support of fellow human rights activists in Cuba.
We have also provided reftel website information and
encouraged them to link to the sites from their own home
pages and to call upon their membership to sign the
electronic petitions.

Visit Embassy Manama's Classified Website:

<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/nea/manama/>

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